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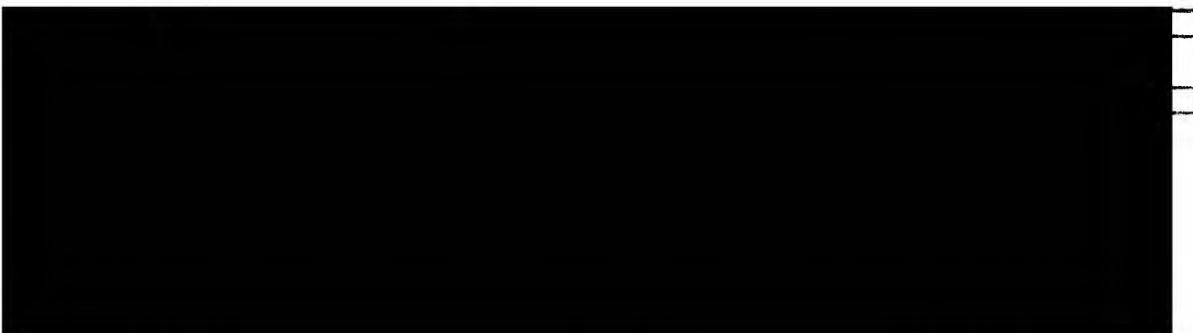
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1. There is a well established telephone and telegraph network belonging to the civil administration of Bulgaria which links all villages and cities by telephone. The military use this network for their needs. All standard telephone instruments in the army are of German manufacture. For several years fairly good field phones have been produced by the Army Signal Factory in Sofia. While the army is now fully equipped with all the standard instruments and field phones, there is a lack of cable and field line, which up to the present time has not been forthcoming from Russia.
2. The radios used by the Bulgarian Army have been mainly of German manufacture, either Lorenz or Telefunken. Recently a small number of Soviet transmitters and receivers have been supplied and the tank corps is now equipped solely with Russian radio sets. The Army Signal Corps factory in Sofia is presently working on two types of Bulgarian radio transmitters and receivers. One is a 10 watt set, which is carried in a knapsack by one soldier. The other is the 1.5 kilowatt set for use on motor vehicles. The Army is still short of radio sets and the capacity of the Army Signal Corps factory is very small because of the scarcity of parts.
3. The unit signal corps operators receive training in their respective units; the army and command signal men are trained in the Army Signal Corps Regiment in Sofia. This regiment also runs a special signal school where clerks for the post and telegraph offices are trained and, at the same time, prepared as reserve officers of the signal corps.

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